

BSAC Council meeting

09:00 Saturday, 16th September 2023.

1. Welcome & Opening Admin

The Chair confirmed the meeting was quorate, apologies were noted. A HQ representative was present. The Chair approved the Minutes of the July Council meeting. Members were invited to declare any new conflicts of interest – none were declared. Members were also invited to lodge any topics for AOB, (item 7).

2. Actions from previous meetings

A number of actions from previous meeting were either updated, carried over to later meetings or closed.

3. Sub-committees

Several Council sub-committee reports had been submitted to the Council OneDrive in advance of the meeting, there was a short discussion on the provision of a one-off payment to all HQ colleagues excluding CEO of £500 Gross for cost of living. This was proposed and agreed by council. The sub-committee chairs had submitted their team's composition to the Honorary Secretary as requested.

4. CEO Report:

The CEO gave a detailed report on HQ activities, covering:

- The Risk Register,
- HQ's Performance Dashboards,
- Status of the HQ Building Sale,
- Deeper Diving SDC
- 70th BSAC Anniversary Events,
 - Northwest Region Capernwray Diving Centre event, 29th September.
 - River Thames BSAC Branch boat run, 14th October.
- Annual Policies Review,
- BSAC Egypt Liveaboard insurance provision – to which there was a large discussion regarding the scope for this activity at the start and going into the expansion and the level of contractual protection offered by the insurance options presented.

The CEO took questions from members.

5. Management Information/Accounts

The COO updated Council on the current Project progress updates.

6. Strategy Topic – Brief update on Commercial training Pilot

The Strategy Chair provided an update on the status of the key strategic projects, in particular the commercial training pilot for which a more substantial paper will be produced for the November council meeting, informing of the progress of the pilot, the successes, lessons learned and next steps.

7. AOB

The Hon Treasurer and NDO highlighted the importance of keeping clear documentation and governance around decisions made with regard to changes to the Diver Training program such as the increased depth limit for Sports Diver (increased to 40m in May 2023).

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 13:25